(d) the role played by the National Horticulture Board in addressing the problems faced by the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Government has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "National Horticulture Mission" in May 2005 to address the overall development of Horticulture in the country duly ensuring an end to end approach covering production, post-harvest management and marketing in the domestic and export markets. Training of farmers and market intelligence form part of the scheme.

(d) The National Horticulture Board (NHB) is implementing a scheme "Technology Development and Transfer for Promotion of Horticulture" with the following component:—

- Visit of Progressive Farmers in Different States to study advance technologies adopted in Horticulture.
- Organisation/participation in Seminars/Workshops/Exhibition, etc. for promotion of Horticulture.

Through discussions at such forums, NHB is facilitating redressal of the problems faced by farmers.

Production and demand of milk products

†2054. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of milk and milk products and its demand in the country;

(b) the estimated requirement of milk and milk products in the next two years in the country;

(c) whether Government propose to make an elaborate plan to increase the production and its export; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by Government?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) The production of milk in the country during the years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 has been estimated at 88.1 million tonnes and 91.0 million tonnes respectively. The estimated production of milk for 2005-06 and 2006-07 is 93.5 million tonnes and 96.0 million tonnes respectively. The milk production at national level is by and large sufficient to meet the domestic demand. There is nc authentic data on production of milk products in the country.

(c) and (d) Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries in Government of India is implementing the following schemes to increase the production of milk in the country:

1. National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding.

2. Livestock Health and Disease Control.

3. Fodder Development Scheme.

4. Intensive Dairy Development Programme.

5. Assistance to Cooperatives.

6. Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production.

To promote the exports of milk and milk products, following steps have been taken by Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

1. Standards have been laid down under Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 for export of milk products.

2. Financial assistance is provided by APEDA to the exporters for setting up of inhouse quality control laboratories and implementation of international quality systems. APEDA also extends assistance to the registered exporters for packaging development, market development etc.

3. Participation in trade fairs to create awareness of Indian Products including dairy products.

4. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry in the recently announced Foreign Trade Policy 2004—09 has extended the benefits of "Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana" to dairy sector also. Under the scheme, the exporters

are entitled to duty credit scrip equivalent to 5% of FOB value of exports for each licensing year. The scrip and the items imported against it would be freely transferable. The duty credit may be used for import of inputs or goods including capital goods provided the same is freely importable.

Horticulture Mission in J & K

2055. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving final touches to the ambitious programmes under the Horticulture Mission; and

(b) if so, whether a reasonable sum of money would be allocated to Jammu and Kashmir where Horticulture is the mainstay for a sizeable section of population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Government of India has sanctioned a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Horticulture Mission" during the current year 2005-06 with an outlay of Rs. 2300.00 crores for this year and 2006-07 for implementation in all the States and Union Territories of India excepting North Eastern States and three Himalayan States namely, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttaranchal, where Ministry of Agriculture Government of India is already implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Technology Mission for Intergrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, J&K, H.P. & Uttaranchal". The scheme is being implemented in a Mission Mode approach addressing all the issues related to the development of Horticulture from production to marketing and processing through four Mini Missions in an end to end approach.

The total Tenth-Five-Year Plan outlay for the implementation of this mission in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttaranchal is Rs. 845 crores, of which Rs. 585 crores for North Eastern States, Rs. 100.00 crores for Jammu & Kashmir, Rs. 80.00 crores for Himachal Pradesh and Rs. 80.00 crores for Uttaranchal.